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9 December 1952

Mr. Richard D. Harriott
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Dear Mr. Harriott:

I have a requirement for further explanation of certain terms used by the Tatsfield Monitoring Station in its report on jamming. The summary reports by Tatsfield designate jamming signals by such terms as "Hum", "Grunting", "Culls", etc. In each case a brief description has been given, but in order that we may fully understand your nomenclature it would be extremely helpful if the BBC could prepare a recording of the various modulation types and preface each type by its designation. Also, any pertinent technical data will be appreciated. I believe that this will provide us with a better understanding of British terminology and permit a more useful free interchange of information.

Additionally, I would be most grateful if you could secure for us more information on the "attention-signals" mentioned in a recent Tatsfield summary report. This statement was under the section of "Organisation of Jamming", and was as follows: "A retimed bulletin is usually located within 5 - 15 minutes by one or more jammers; agitated attention-signals from a jamming control-centre can sometimes be heard in such cases."

Your assistance in these matters is deeply appreciated. I hope that you will feel quite free to object should this channeling of requests create any problems for you or in any way seem inappropriate. On our part we will make every effort to keep such requests to a minimum and to insure that those requests that are made of you will be on non-sensitive subjects.

Sincerely,

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